

BART Celebrates Chinese New Year

Fourth Annual Highlights Culture & Tradition



Gung Hay Fat Choy! BART employees presented the District's fourth annual Chinese New Year celebration on February 13, commemorating the Year of the Ram, 4701. The event was replete with traditional Chinese music, martial arts, lion dancing, and an array of traditional Chinese New Year delicacies. Community leaders also stopped by to wish everyone well in the New Year.

Healthy Workout Group, a non-profit group that furthers healthy bodies and healthy minds, provided the entertainment. "These are the people who can be seen every morning in the BART headquarters plaza doing tai chi and other exercises," said Julie Yim, event organizer. "Most are elderly and an inspiration." Despite some bad

weather, the New Year performance was festive, she said, with lion dancing, fan dancing, sword dancing and tai chi.

In China, New Year is celebrated on the first day of the Chinese lunar calendar. Traditional Chinese New Year celebration starts on the first day of the Chinese lunar calendar and runs for the whole month. Each year is named after one of the 12 animals according to the Chinese Zodiac.

Julie explains the Year of the Ram. "A ram is centralist in nature, desiring peace and tranquillity. A ram can be found often in the midst of many females, which might be seen as good fortune. However, to be the center of attention can also make small mistakes take on greater significance because

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Marilyn McAllister – 35 Years with BART

On February 19, 2003, Marilyn McAllister made history as she marked 35 years of service with BART. The principal financial analyst in Grant Compliance, Capital Development and Control, says she's not done yet. "I'm sticking around for another five years so I can be first in seniority and break all the records by retiring after working at BART for 40 years," said Marilyn. Now, that is quite a claim to fame!

Marilyn began her career at BART as a junior accountant and worked in accounting for 25 years before coming over to Transit System Development. "That was a real good move for me,"



she said. "I kept getting promotions, leading up to my current job as a principal financial analyst. Each year, it gets better and better. I have really enjoyed working at BART."

"It is not possible to say too many nice things about Marilyn," said Ronald D. Avery, Manager, Grant Compliance. "She is like my right and left arm in our Grant Compliance Division. She takes such pride and joy in her work. I've never seen anyone else take so much satisfaction in reconciling capital funding problems. Marilyn joined our group in April 1996 as a senior financial analyst and was later promoted to the principal analyst level. She has one of the most positive attitudes and outlooks of anyone that I know, and it shows in her work."

Congratulations, Marilyn! **ba**

"Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution"

Theme of Annual Rev. Dr. King Commemoration

"One of the great liabilities in life is that all too many people find themselves living amid a great period of social change, and yet they fail to develop the new attitudes, the new mental responses that the situation demands. They end up sleeping through a revolution."

— The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Emcee James Archie began this year's Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration by quoting this phrase from one of Dr. King's sermons as a parallel to the event's theme held January 14 at the Metro Center Auditorium – "Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution."

At the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on March 31, 1968 told the story of Rip Van Winkle sleeping for 20 years as one, in essence, of sleeping through a revolution. When he first laid down, he had the picture of King George the Third of England. When he awoke, George Washington had become the first President of the United States. Van Winkle was lost, and knew not who he was. "While he was peacefully snoring ... a revolution was taking place that would change the course of history," recalled Dr. King. Yes, Van Winkle slept through it all.

Lady Bianca provided entertainment, singing an original song she and her husband wrote on their way to Oakland.



Speakers included BART Board President Pete Snyder and General Manager Tom Margro. BART Director Carole Ward Allen, who chairs the Ethnic Studies


Department at Laney College and was the college's Administrator, delivered the keynote address. Carole studied politics and the art of West Africa at Forah Bay College in Sierra Leone and completed studies



Standing (left to right) Mae Meidav, Mike Healy, Lady Bianca, Karen Hill, James Archie, Phillis Pinkston, Anita Sanchez, former BART Director Willie B. Kennedy and Cheryl Simien. Seated (left to right) BART General Manager Tom Margro, BART Director Carole Ward Allen and BART Board President Pete Snyder.

at the University of Ole-Ife in Nigeria, the University of Kumasi in Ghana and the University of Nairobi in Kenya. Event organizers took the occasion to present Director Ward Allen a special gift to celebrate her birthday.

BART Director Willie B. Kennedy also was honored on the occasion of ending her service on the Board. BART Board President Pete Snyder presented her with a bouquet of flowers for her dedicated service. BART Director Carole Ward Allen, BART General Manager Tom Margro and Mike Healy, Department Manager of Media and Public Affairs, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Committee, joined him.

For more than 17 years, BART has hosted an annual commemoration for the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Congratulations and thanks to members of the Martin Luther King Commemorative Committee: James Archie, Karen Hill, Mae Meidav, Phillis Pinkston, John Purcell and Cheryl Simien. Thanks also to Roger Johnson of the Reproduction Center, and the Media and Public Affairs department for supporting this annual commemorative program. 



"BART Freedom Trains" Carry Marchers to Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Event in San Francisco

Marchers attending the annual Martin Luther King Jr. holiday rally in San Francisco on January 20 found an easy way into the City on BART's fourth annual "Freedom Trains." BART ran special trains from Daly City and four East Bay stations to Powell Street, where marchers joined the annual Freedom March down Market Street to the rally at Bill Graham Civic Auditorium.

As a commemoration, BART distributed special MLK Jr. Flash Passes through churches, schools and community organizations. The pass was valued for a one-way trip into San Francisco.

The idea for the BART Freedom Train originally came from former BART Director Willie B. Kennedy of San Francisco, and in 1999 earned BART a resolution honoring its action from the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. BART resolved a problem that had frustrated rally organizers for years – how to easily get people from the East Bay into San Francisco. With trains running from four East Bay stations – Dublin/Pleasanton, Pittsburg/Bay Point, Fremont and Richmond – BART provided the perfect transportation solution for the annual King celebration. **b3**

Brightening the Holidays for Those in Need

Thanks to BART employees' generosity, the 2002 BART Police Holiday Food Drive generated \$3,500 in cash donations to fill 140 bags with food for needy families, community-outreach organizations and shelters.

In the interest of public safety and in keeping with the nation's theme of homeland security, only monetary donations were accepted for the 2002 program. "Thoughtful contributions from many BART employees helped make the holiday season a brighter one for those in need," said Lt. Gary Cagaanan, program coordinator. "We especially thank Mae Meidav's writers workshop participants, who donated \$1,240 to benefit the program."

Volunteers from BART's finest helped deliver food bags, including Officer Curtis Lum, Officer Tania Mendez, Officer Leonard Olsen, Lt. Gary Cagaanan, Community Service Assistant Michele Lazaneo, Sgt. Seleta Ellis, Officer Lori Bush, Officer Sheldon Forehand and retired Officer Harry Holder. "We concentrated on individual family donations this year, but did include some community organizations in the program," noted Gary. Project Head Start of Oakland, the Alameda Point



Pictured left to right: Officer Curtis Lum, Officer Tania Mendez, Officer Leonard Olson, and Lt. Gary Cagaanan (Santa's cap), Susie Ashley, Director of Project Head Start of Oakland, CSA Michele Lazaneo, Sgt. Seleta Ellis, Officer Lori Bush and Officer Sheldon Forehand.

Collaborative and the IRIS Center in San Francisco benefited from the BART Police Holiday Food Drive. Head Start Director Susie Ashley expressed her organization's thanks by presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to Gary. **b3**

Promotions & New Hires

Ben Holland was promoted to Manager of Vehicle Systems Engineering, effective December 23, 2002. He manages a group of engineers responsible for maintenance engineering of new and rehabilitated revenue vehicle cars. The department supports quality assurance, preventative maintenance, maintenance bulletins and purchasing. "We play a pivotal role in parts, maintenance documentation and procedures," says Ben. "We work with the shops on troubleshooting non-routine failures to find solutions." Ben joined BART in December 2001 as the Vehicle Maintenance Engineering Project Manager. He previously worked as the Fleet Engineering Manager for the San Francisco Municipal Railway system. Ben holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Congratulations, Ben.

Chien Shih has joined BART in Information Technology as the Manager of Information Systems Support Services.

Chien manages the Help Desk, data center, security, network support, systems programming and database administration. "Adding Chien to our department accomplishes three things," notes Robin Cody, IT Manager. "We have the best technical guidance, as Chien has an excellent grasp of current and emerging technologies. We have more consistent supervision. Finally, we have more time to focus on strategic planning and the District's Business Advancement Plan." Welcome, Chien.

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In Remembrance...

Pat Burks

BART and the BART Police Department have lost a very cherished and committed law enforcement officer. Robert P. ("Pat") Burks died of cancer on December 31, 2002. He was 68. He joined the BART Police Department in September 1972 and worked at BART until May 1981. Prior to joining the department, Pat Burks was a Berkeley police officer for more than 10 years.

BART Police Chief Gary Gee recalled, "Pat was personable, very easy-going and enjoyed working with people. He often told entertaining 'war' stories of what it was like to be a Berkeley cop in the 1960s. I presumed that they were true."

Lt. Gary Cagaanan said, "Pat was a solid patrolman who will be remembered for his great sense of humor. Pat also was proud and passionate about his Irish heritage, and often passed on bits of Irish history to his fellow officers."

Branco von Hauftanen

BART and the BART Police Department have lost a very cherished and committed law enforcement officer. Branco von Hauftanen, one of the first canine officers in BART's police dog program, died recently at age 15. The German-born shepherd joined the police force in 1990 and worked for five years with BART Police Officer Harry Holder (now retired). Branco and Officer Holder made many felony arrests together.



Officer Holder and Branco

"Branco was one of the first four canine teams that initiated the program in 1990, and he was instrumental in its success," said Commander Clark Lynch. "It was only through the efforts of the early canine teams that the program gained acceptance among BART employees and

our customers. Their enterprises allowed the program to progress to its current state of excellence. The versatility of Branco and Officer Holder led them to engage the community in the program by way of school and community presentations, further contributing to enhancing safety for BART."

Lt. Gary Cagaanan added, "Harry and Branco were an effective canine team, having made numerous arrests, which included assisting neighboring police agencies with searches and apprehensions."

Following retirement, Branco enjoyed the rest of his years with the Holder family.

Ken Pierce

BART has lost a very cherished friend and co-worker Kenneth L. Pierce, born March 22, 1942, and who passed away from cancer on December 22, 2002.



Ken and wife Diane

Ken hailed from the great state of Missouri. In 1965, after serving his country in the United States Air Force for four years, Ken joined the Elevator Constructors Union. He first worked in Los Angeles in Local #18 for the United States Elevator Company (aka U.S. Elevator). In 1970 he transferred to San Francisco Local #8 where he worked for the Armor Elevator Company. He worked on the original construction of the BART elevators for Armor. Ken came to work at BART in October 1976 in the Elevator/Escalator Department. He worked as a mechanic and temporary foreworker for 26 years. The many workers and friends in other Departments who were touched by his thoughtfulness, kindness, sense of humor and generosity will miss him. He is survived by his wife Diane and daughter Chrissy, who both loved him very much. **b**

Bowl Away the Pollen – Here's Comes Spring!

After taking a couple months off for the holiday, the BART Bowling League is back! Bowlers got off to a good start in March, welcoming two new bowlers, and are planning the next tournament for March 22 at Manor Bowl in San Leandro. Spring is just around the corner, so bring out the allergy pills and hankies. Bowl 'er up!

At the Turkey Trot Tournament held at the Albany Bowl on November 23, it was all about the ladies as Top Game went to Gwen Bodin (258) and Harry Straub (221), while Top Series went to Glenda Olson (650) and Joe Olson (605). Top Five for the series included Glenda, Gwen, Darlene Williams, Joe and Andy Williams.

Bright sunny skies in Albany welcomed bowlers on March 1. Bryant and Suzanne Hicks just about tied each other with the Top Game honors (he was 224, she was 221). Top Series

went to Reggie Lewis (621) and Glenda Olson (608). The tourney welcomed new bowlers, Ron Edwards and Don Demer. Top Five for the series included Reggie, Johnnie Hicks, Ron, Al Browder and Joe Olson. Along for the fun were Andy Williams and Harry Straub.

"The handicap system keeps the scoring fair and pretty even," notes Andy Williams, league organizer. "So, there's something for everyone, from beginner to seasoned pro. And we do this for fun and friendship, not competition."

Don't miss the next bowling tournament on Saturday, March 22 at the Albany Bowl. Get the 411 on "all things bowling" from Andy Williams at ext. 5153 or ext. 5775 or Glenda Olson at ext. 2794. See you at the bowling alley! **b**



Mathur is First Woman on CalPERS Board in 40 Years

Priya Sara Mathur, a principal financial analyst in Capital Development and Control, has joined the CalPERS Board of Administration as the representative for public agency members. She was elected in January 2003 and will serve a four-year term to January 15, 2007. At age 29, Priya became the first woman elected to the Board in 40 years and its youngest member ever. She also is the first Indian-American to hold a statewide office in California.



As a member of the 13-member Board of Administration, Priya decides on matters related to oversight and investment of fund assets, as well as benefit and membership issues. The board is responsible for the management and control of CalPERS, including exclusive control over administration and investment of the Public Employees Retirement Fund. The board has purview over several other public sector retirement systems, a medical and hospital program, a member home

loan program and California's contract with the federal government for Social Security. Priya and her fellow board members make decisions that affect all 1.3 million active and retired members of CalPERS.

Priya came to the board with the support of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees; the California State Employees Association, the California Professional Firefighters Association, and several other unions. She won her election against three other candidates with a plurality of just over 38 percent of the vote.

In her capacity with BART, Priya participates in financing multi-billion dollar infrastructure projects, including BART's \$1.5 billion earthquake retrofit program. Before joining BART in 1998, she was a consultant with Public Financial Management, Inc., a leading advisor to local governments, bringing to market approximately \$2.5 million in municipal bonds. She holds a masters degree in Business Administration from the University of California, Berkeley and a bachelor's degree in Economics and Literature from Connecticut College.



Great Ideas by BART Employees

BART employees help increase efficiency and save costs by presenting their ideas for improving BART operations to the Employee Suggestion Program. They are duly rewarded for proposals that succeed. (Please note, some awards represent a net payment once state and federal taxes have been deducted.) Here are recent awardees and their ideas:

Brad L. Burguin

Maintenance Worker III, Rolling Stock & Shops

When wheels were worn, thick shims were installed above the car body plates to compensate for wheel wear. Brad Burguin suggested installing a space washer between the pie plate and elbow to lengthen the elbow and allow up to three shims to be installed, thereby creating less need for adjustments. His idea was deemed acceptable as an emergency fix to put a car back into service, earning Brad a \$250.00 safety award.

William Clark

Maintenance Worker III, Rolling Stock & Shops

Three great ideas earned William Clark a customer service award of \$500.00. He suggested applying control tags to parts from the plate assembly seal (air suspension with



teflon) to encourage their reconditioning. Some plates had been tossed away and not returned. William also suggested providing protective shipping crates for A2 and B2 parts to minimize damage to these expensive parts. Finally, William suggested removing three-inch extension pipes and placing grease fittings directly into the motor bearing housing. The pipes had been breaking off at the base of the traction motor bearing housing.


Robert J. Scott

Employee Development Specialist, Rolling Stock & Shops

The friction brake Electro Hydraulic Unit could be contaminated when the oil reservoir breather cap was removed. Such contamination could cause accelerated wear of critical friction brake parts. Robert suggested installing a standoff adapter to elevate the breather cap and keep dirt and other contaminants from falling into the reservoir. This idea earned Robert a \$200.00 safety award.

Joel Yared

Maintenance Worker III, Rolling Stock & Shops

Mica dust would be vacuumed out of the work area during the process of undercutting the T/M and M/A commutator, leaving behind resin fumes. Workers wore dust masks or respirators to guard against the fumes. Joel suggested using a larger vacuum, and venting it outside and away from the work area to eliminate the fumes. His idea earned Joel a \$200.00 safety award. 

Holiday Craft Faire



Retirees

Donald Agnello
Edmundo A. Anchondo
Leslie M. Azevedo
Victor G. Banducci
Richard W. Banks
Charles A. Beebe
James A. Brown
Jessie Calcote
William D. Calloway
Marie E. Castillo
James D. Coppedge
Raymond C. Crist
Ronald Darensburg
Donald Del Carlo
Diease B. Evans
Vivian Faye
Patricia E. Gallagher
Antonio C. Gallegos
Tyler S. Gee
Stephen W. Gilbert
Helen L. Green
Lovell T. Guiton
Annie H. Hamp
Roy D. Hollie
Bertha J. Howard
Bertie Jackson
Thomas I. Jeffries
Donne M. Jones
Bernard S. La Pedis
Augustine J. Lara
Bonnie A. Mac Donald
Stephen G. Markowitz
Anston P. Mc Lachlan
Claudette M. Mc Nerney
Francis C. Nawahine
Byron T. Nuicks
Christopher Ortiz
Gilbert J. Paiva
David Pando
Kenneth A. Perez
Daniel O. Peterson
George C. Ross III
Romeo S. Sarmiento
Charlotte L. Scott
Silvestre R. Silva
Richard A. Slattery
Lawrence Sugimoto
Peter C. Todebush
Joseph A. Vela
Lydia R. Ward
Albert J. Welchert
Anthony L. White
Gregory G. Wilkie
Jane W. Wong
Annette L. Young-Taw

30 Years

M. Roberto Aceituno
Francisco G. Alfajora
James C. Alfred
Darryl S. Antilla
Jeffrey O. Beaudry
Shirley A. Bolden
Josefino B. Bulawin
Robert E. Burroughs

Jose G. Camarillo
Marta G. Carney
Gordon R. Carter
Ronald J. Celaya
Edward F. Chen
Yvonne L. Clark-Smith
Phil M. Corsetti
Gary L. Crawford
Anthony B. Czajkowski
Donny R. Davis
Henry De Santos Jr
Victor R. Eng
Lynn P. Fischer
Thomas E. Fowler
Kim R. Gillis
Herman E. Gomez
Cynthia T. Held
Clinton R. Hester
George E. Hodgerney
Elsie S. Hsieh
Bob A. James
Dennis L. Jandro
Gilda B. Johnson
Wesley P. Johnson
Anita F. Jones
Jerrilyn M. Jones
Evan J. Konjicija
Dennis T. Kozlowski
Peter J. Lechman
Patsy E. Lyles
Doug M. McCarrie
Randall D. Mc Cluney
Daniel C. Mc Gee
Wanda J. Mc Pherson
Pamela A. Moffett
Gilbert L. Montano
Edward M. Musgrave
John L. Nattkemper
Kevin T. O'Keefe
Michael L. O'Neill
Donald R. Orth
Vijay V. Patel
Margaret D. Pierce
James H. Rasheed
Miguel A. Rodriguez
Mark R. Rubenaker
Manuel Schembri
James W. Schroeder
Larry N. Schwarm
Vincent A. Sedillo
Kenneth S. Sherman
Howard M. Standish
Susan J. Stephenson
Larry A. Sterling
Gary W. Switzer
Arnulfo C. Taganap
Donald L. Trevethan
Stephen C. Twigg
Donald R. Wells
Michael M. White
Lawrence W. Zeigler

25 Years

Charles A. Baca Jr
Irene M. Beebe
Raul R. Botello
Patricia A. Carter
Lillian E. Cartwright
Norman J. Chin

BARTistics

August 1, 2002 through
January 31, 2003

Daniel Dawkins
David C. Dawson
Benjamin Delgado
Arthur Escamilla
Diane A. Forbes
Cruz G. Garcia
Donald S. Garcia
Jacqueline L. Gatson
Margaret L. Hall
Rachel M. Heath
Douglas J. Hom
Nelton L. Joe
Donna R. Johnson
Linda Karriem
Pamela E. Kessinger
Edward W. Ladd
Douglas Lee
Melvin C. Lim
James E. Matthews
Larry T. Miller
Dory U. Oriola
Robert A. Ornellas
Henry S. Procter
Marie J. Rayner
Flor M. Rosales
Robert F. Smith
Richard D. Streeter
Christine Stuart
Nancy L. Thinnies
Diane L. Thomas
Cirila N. Ubaldo
Frederico J. Valdivia
Robert R. Villalobos
Roy H. Wadley
Alice M. Wheeler

20 Years

Chis Abel
Tamar L. Allen
Curtis D. Anderson
Wayne M. Dolan
Patrick C. Dullea
Joseph W. Hansen
David J. Hood
Glenda Jennings-
Olison
Alexis M. Leiva
Timothy I. Mc
Cracken
Mae Z. Meidav
Nancy N. Mitrick
Susan D. Monaghan
Glenn M. Parker
Carolyn Pope-
Chappell
Gregory H. Price
Judge C. Purifoy
Kevin J. Reilly
Allan G. Rowbury
Rodney Servick
Jimmy Stuart
Brian Y. Tekawa

Aminta E. Thornton
Kenneth A. Vargas
Bruce M. Williams
Gary E. Won
Donny Woo

15 Years

Angelina Aguilar
Robert S. Ante
Mohammad H. Azimi
Richard E. Buitrago
Anthony C. Cernac
Daniel C. Chan
Linda J. Dennis-
Mallory
Kenneth R. Evans
William Florio II
Roger Henderson
Wilson Johnson Jr
Russ V. Klein
John T. Lau
Dennis P. Lechak
James T. Lee
Fannie Mackson
Shelley L. Mart
Kathy M. Mc Avoy
Lisa A. Moland
Albert C. Ng
David S. Nicholaw
Gil E. Perez
Brian K. Pingel
Jerry D. Robinson
Jose R. Salazar
Roxanne Sanchez
Jocelyn P. Tabiolo
Spencer R. Thorpe III
Lynette S. Toney
Melissa D. Vega
Shirley Warner

10 Years

Roger M. Avery
Lawrence T. Brunk
Cecilia Celso
Robert L. Chiesa
Percival Dawson Jr
Dorothy W. Dugger
Kevin J. Fitzpatrick
Robert L. Fox
Terry M. Green
Evelyn L. Hammer
Beverly A. Hanson
Jacqueline A. Heggler
Sylvia L. Hemmerich
Rufus R. Henderson
Gwendolyn L.
Jackson
Sonjia M. Johnson
Eric K. Jorgensen
James A. Lande

Janice Y. Lee
Clara E. Mc Intosh
Thomas L. Morris
Andres Z. Patriarca
David A. Remeta
Caroline R. Rogers
Debra M. Smith
Hamed Tafaghodi
Eloise M. Tucker
James L. Walker
Frank R. Walsh
Nathan C. Weissich
Richard J. Wiczorek

5 Years

Veronica M. Alencar
Edgardo Alvarez
Manuel Alvarez
Douglas H. Bartlett
David M. Beisigl
Christopher A. Bilyeu
Timothy W. Brown
Paul K. Campos
Daniel Canela
Ronald L. Caplener
Juan J. Castro
Alfred L. Chapman
Carolyn L. Correia
Jacqueline R.
Edwards
Trinidad Engalla-
Carlos
Emilaine G. Estiva
Lawrence J. Fagan
Faramarz Farassat
Sharon E. Gaither
Dalvir S. Gill
Victor M. Gonzalez
Paul V. Guerin
Lance D. Haight
Paul G. Harpainter
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Barbara S. Inaba
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Cynthia A. Lunge
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Mathias A. Nowak
James Y. Pak

Leon Parks
Jennifer A. Quilici
John P. Quill
Juan B. Ramos Jr
Ramon L. Reyes
Ruben M. Reyes
Michael D. Rodriguez
Babra A. Rosenberg
Kevin R. Rudy
Margaret W. Saget
Edward J. Schultz
Bernard R. Smits
Thomas J.
Steinbrenner
Gary Sue
Sabrina R. Taylor
Yolanda D. Tolliver
Thomas M. Tran
James E. Tyler
Robert S. Umbreit
Mark D. Weaver
John D. Welch
Randy Y. Wong
Wah C. Wong
Zaohong Zheng

New Hires

Alberto Alvarez
Richard L. Avre
Adam Bronikowski
Sarah Cadwallader
Terry C. Cotten
Joseph A. Cotton
Joel E. Cox
Christopher M. Davis
Edwin M. Del Rosario
Willy L. Enriquez
Christopher L. Fore
Patricia Geary
Darrick D. Gebhards
Judy A. Guerrero
Erik I. Heskin
Michelle D. Holcomb
Chaz W. Hunt
Kenneth E. Johnson
Phillip G. Johnson
Jimmie D. Jones
Alex S. Kirchoff
Dale A. Lant
Jake Lee Jr
Jose M. Lopez
Janet E. Matias
John L. Mc Partland
Thang C. Nghiem
Walter G. Padilla
Michael B. Pavini
Marvin V. Pepe
Darron D. Reese
Scott R. Renz
Ravi Sandhu
John M. Sandoval
Jaswant Sekhon
Patricia Y. Selva
Claudia A. Slevin
Tony C. Spears
Yen L. Sun
Paul K. Tavares
Andrew P. Tellez
Derrick R. Tyler

Move Over Hillary, Sue Angeli is on the Way

Union leader, customer service aficionado and trailblazing community leader Sue Angeli has once again become the Mayor of the City of Pleasant Hill. First elected to the council in 1999, Sue was Vice Mayor in her first year in office, becoming Mayor in 2000. She chaired the Pleasant Hill Redevelopment Agency in 2001 and ascended to the chief role once again for 2002-2003.



As Mayor, Sue spends a lot of time in the greater Pleasant Hill community at functions, ribbon-cutting events for major

community projects and programs, and visits schools to share her experience in government with students. "This is an important year for local elected officials," Sue noted. "Issues on the economy and balancing the city's budget are the top priorities."

Sue is President of the BART Professional Chapter of SEIU Local 790. In addition to her civic work as Mayor, Sue is on the board of directors of the County Connection (bus service in central Contra Costa County) and on the Pleasant Hill BART Steering Committee. She served as a delegate to the California Democratic Party convention, representing Assembly member Lonnie Hancock. **b3**

Chinese New Year continued

everyone is watching. Finding the meaning behind the words is important this year because the ram has a paradoxically sharp tongue. So to avoid conflict, we must be careful about what we say and interpret the words of others with deeper understanding."

To prepare for the New Year celebration, homes are cleaned and decorated with live, blooming plants to symbolize rebirth and



new growth. Oranges and tangerines symbolize abundant happiness, and the colors of red and gold symbolize happiness and wealth. In the Chinese New Year tradition, debts are settled, prayers are offered and made, new clothes are bought and plenty of food is prepared. No one speaks badly of anyone, or of unpleasant topics.

Lolita Chu shared the event's Mistress of Ceremonies duties with Julie. "We are so grateful to Lolita for her bilingual skills and her great spirit," said Julie. BART Executive Manager of External Affairs Katherine Strehl welcomed the community on behalf of the District. BART Board member Carole Ward Allen presented her well wishes, along with Alameda County Supervisor Alice Lai Bitker. Everyone who attended the



celebration received a "good luck" bag filled with Chinese tangerines, candies and sweet dumplings.

Thanks to Lolita, Julie, Anna Pfiesser and Betty SooHoo for help in organizing BART's Chinese New Year celebration. **b3**



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